

**Disposition by WAC
of Changes/Additions to the List of 56 that were Recommended by the Public at Workshop 3**

Note: Designations appearing in “bold” in parentheses at end of each listed item below indicate the item number on the Framework Issues List (dated May 6, 2002) where the item in question was dealt with or other disposition..

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Over-arching Item re. Integrated Planning*:

1. With *assurance* of ample opportunity for input from stakeholders (*including North Coast stakeholders affected by Sonoma and Marin Counties Russian River water use*), periodically (*every five years or such other specific period agreed to by the contractors*), provide adequate funding to quantify the best possible water resource mix which promotes thriving ecosystems for all native flora and fauna while seeking to optimize the supply of water and related services to customers. ~~including~~ Include consideration of all available supplies such as conservation, recycling, ground water and surface water (*including Eel River diversions*) taking into account levels of reliability, and watershed needs and other environmental impacts. **(Replaced by Item A on Framework Issues List)**

* Note: Revisions proposed for Item 1 apply equally to Items 9, 10, 14, 18, 32, 43 and 46 since this suggested response is the same and touches on concerns raised about Conservation, Environmental Impacts, Watershed Management, Water Supply, Recycled Water, Ground Water, the Potter Valley Project and Transmission Project Design and Scheduling.

Conservation:

3. Include language that would encourage and ~~provide~~ insure provision of funds for innovative new water conservation strategies and a mechanism for funding successful programs *including follow-up analysis of effectiveness.* **(Replaced by Item C)**
- Ca. Mandate use of conservation incentives. **(Replaced by B)**
- Cb. Provide for flexibility and local control of conservation programs so they can be tailored to local conditions and needs. **(Replaced by B)**

Environmental Impacts and Mitigation

- EIa. Quantify loss of environmental value from selecting certain water systems for development, and evaluate opportunities for avoiding environmental costs and restoring environmental damage. (Note: Applies to Watershed Management issue as well.) **(Replaced by A)**

Watershed Management:

11. Include a methodology for identifying watershed restoration costs appropriately allocable to water contractors that are not or cannot be met from taxes and charges deposited in the Russian River Projects fund or from other appropriate sources. *Provide for aggressive seeking of funding assistance from State and federal sources.* **(Replaced by F)**
- WMa. *Require establishing strategies, policies and goals for entire watersheds.* **(Replaced by F)**
- WMb. *Mandate exploring ways and means of addressing regional watershed management as a condition of the contract.* **(Replaced by F)**
- WMc. *Reflect need for a regional effort, because watersheds do not recognize jurisdictional boundaries.* **(Replaced by F)**
12. As part of the negotiation process, review SCWA's plans for use of monies deposited in the Russian River Project Fund and ~~consider what voice the water contractors should have with regard to fund~~ *provide for WAC approval of fund expenditures and what agreement provisions should be considered regarding same.* **(Replaced by F)**
13. Request Sonoma County to explore ways and means of addressing regional watershed management *based on providing for long-term sustainability and ecological integrity. Review reliance on Eel River diversions.* ~~(via the Russian River Watershed Council or some other means) and, as~~ *As part of the negotiation process, address water contractors' responsibility regarding same.* **(Replaced by F)**
- WMd. *Establish an advisory committee of stakeholders in the watershed to address water supply and quality issues. Use avoiding the construction of the proposed surface water treatment plant as a focal point for defining and implementing a watershed management program.* **(See Note 1)**
- WMe. *Establish requirement of an overall watershed plan, a budget, and an allocation of costs for watershed restoration.* **(Replaced by F)**

Also see Item EIa.

Water Supply:

15. As part of the negotiation process review information on beneficial uses being made of *and negative impacts arising from*, Russian River waters and Eel River diversions. **(Replaced by M)**
16. *Provide support for State of California Dept. of Water Resource and SCWA updating enumeration of all water uses being made of Russian River waters including water imported from the Eel River. Include information on diversions and use being made of Eel River water in the summer.* **(See Note 2)**

17. Provide support for updating Russian River model studies to calculate yield of system under various hydrologic conditions *and provide for developing water supply planning options based on the possibility that the Potter Valley Project might not be relicensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in 2022 or decommissioned prior to then.* (Note: Applies to Potter Valley Project as well). **(Replaced by M)**.
- WSa. *Provide that water conserved stays in the river or stays in the ground and is not used to accommodate more development.* (Note: Applies to Potter Valley Project as well). **(See Note 3)**
- WSb. *Include a provision in the agreement regarding reliance on Eel River Water.* (Note: Applies to Potter Valley Project as well). **(Replaced by A)**

Recycled Water:

- RWa. *Discontinue practice of taking funds from Water Contractors for funding local recycled water projects. This should be the funding responsibility of the local agency.* **(Replaced by R)**

Agreement Governance:

22. Provide for ~~non-voting~~ voting participation on WAC by person(s) representing environmental ~~and/or regional~~ interests. (Note: Another suggestion was to include a non-voting environmental representative on WAC.) **(See Note 4)**
- AGa. *Establish a separate SCWA Board, other than the County Board of Supervisors.* **(See Note 5)**
- AGb. *WAC representatives should be comprised solely of elected officials.* **(See Note 6)**

Ground Water

37. Expand definition of conservation to include “slow the flow” type programs and strategies that ~~encourage~~ help replenishment of local ground water where such replenishment could reduce demand on the Russian River. **(See Note 7)**
- GWa. *Encourage establishment of laws, regulations and standards for the protection of ground water.* **(See Note 8)**
- GWb. *Encourage establishment of standards for minimizing the amount of impervious surface in new development projects. (Note: This would minimize runoff from urban areas and therefore be beneficial to river water quality as well.)* **(See Note 8)**

Gravel mining

44. Provide for appropriate monitoring and periodic reports on riverbed elevations at cross-sections in the vicinity of the collectors and tracking of elevations over time. *If gravel levels drop, provide that action will be taken against gravel mining.* **(Replaced by K)**
- GMa. *Expand Item 44 to include monitoring riverbed elevations in the vicinity of the gravel mining sites.* **(See Note 9)**

GMb. Fund study to quantify effect of gravel mining on the aquifer and determine how much gravel will be needed to preserve water quality in the future. (See Note 9)

GMc. Provide for action by Water Contractors to protect gravel/naturally filtering water system. (See Note 9)

Water Quality:

WQa. Provide for implementation of aggressive source control of septic systems, farm chemical and soil amendment use, and pharmaceuticals and endocrine disruptors. (See Note 10)

Also see Item GWb.

Potter Valley Project:

Also see Item WSa and WSb.

Notes:

1. The WAC believes that Item WMd is addressed by the existence of the WAC and the opportunity it affords to anyone wishing to participate in and be heard at WAC meetings. (Policy Issue for WAC)
2. Item 16, cooperating with State in updating its inventory is supported by WAC but is not necessary to include in agreement.
3. Regarding WSa, the WAC believes conserved water should be considered as part of the overall water supply mix and not allocated to one specific purpose. (Policy Issue for WAC)
4. Regarding Item 22, WAC believes that relatively recent practice of allowing anyone attending a WAC meeting the opportunity to be heard is a broader and more effective outreach effort and should be continued. (Policy Issue for WAC)
5. The WAC believes Item AGa is not an appropriate issue for this negotiation which has been entered into by all the parties after stating they wish to mutually negotiate a new water supply agreement. It is rather a policy issue for individual cities and districts to address outside of the current negotiation process. (Policy Issue for individual Councils and Boards)
6. Regarding Item AGb, the two-tier approach noted above is clearly favored by the WAC. (Policy Issue for individual Councils and Boards)
7. Item 37 not supported, as WAC believes ground water conservation programs should be promoted by agencies having significant ground water resources. (Policy Issue for individual Councils and Boards)
8. Items GWa and GWb supported but not appropriate for agreement as not in purview of SCWA. WAC notes that municipal wells are monitored now. (Policy Issue for individual Councils and Boards)
9. Items GMa, GMb and GMc believed inappropriate for agreement. Monitoring is already being done by Sonoma County as part of the Aggregate Resource Management Plan. Other items noted are also responsibility of County of Sonoma.
10. Item WQa supported but is a policy matter for regulatory agencies, counties, cities and districts having waste disposal responsibility and is not appropriate for agreement.